ARPA Committee

May 4, 2022

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Board Members:

Craig Moody, Chair Patti Sindorf, Vice Chair Scott Ferguson Tracy Donovan-Laviolette Bonnie Gagnon

Representatives:

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, BOS Brian Taylor, MFD Jim Keegan, HWY

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Craig Moody. Pledge

Craig Moody asked if the board members could sign up in advance to do the minutes for the monthly meetings. Bonnie Gagnon stated she would do them tonight.

June 1 -Scott Ferguson

July 6 -Patti Sindorf

August 3 -Tracy Donovan-Laviolette
Sept 7 -Craig Moody

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. Patti Sindorf had not received the minutes due to not having her email. Bonnie Gagnon motioned to hold off on approving the minutes until the next meeting. Scott Ferguson seconded. All in favor (5-0-0)

It was asked if the minutes could be added to the town website, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan said she would try and find a place to add them.

New Business:

Brian Taylor stated the FD was looking into the GOFERR funds for trying to get some of the much needed forestry gear but would like to know if the ARPA funds could also be used for it. Craig Moody stated it would be helpful if we could get in writing as much information as possible on this, such as what exactly is needed. Brian said he would work on that.

Jim Keegan talked about the paving needed at the OTH and also at the municipal building, there was some discussion on this. Craig Moody stated we need to mindful on spending the ARPA funds, that the funds would be better used on something that can buy down the tax rate. We need to consider needs vs wants.

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan mentioned replacing of the rugs in the municipal building. Bonnie Gagnon asked if dogs were still going into the hall, that is one reason it was voted down before. Yes they are still allowed in.

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan stated that the department heads should go over what their needs will be for the next 2 years and submit in writing to the ARPA committee their needs with as many details as possible. Roxanne said she would send out emails to each department head asking this. This will be due by May 31, 2022. The ARPA committee can then go over each request and see what falls in the guidelines for using the ARPA funds. This will help with deciding the best way to use the funds. It will be up to each department to submit their ideas, if they do not then they may lose out on having the funds used for something needed.

It was asked when will we be approved on the ARPA funds already spent? Roxanne Tufts-Keegan stated they had to be submitted by April 30th but wasn't sure how long approval would take.

Scott Ferg	guson motio	ned to adjoui	n at 7:22 pr	n, Tracy	Donovan-l	_aviolette	seconded. A	All in favor.	(5-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,							
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Bonnie Gagnon							